



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Ekkehard LEBERER, et al.

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Title: POTASSIUM CHANNEL MUTANTS OF THE YEAST
SACCHAROMYCES CEREVISIAE AND THEIR USE FOR
SCREENING EUKARYOTIC POTASSIUM CHANNELS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action of January 29, 2002, a response to which is due February 28, 2002. Applicants do not believe that a Petition for Extension of Time or fees are required. In the event this is not correct, applicants request such extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the undersigned's account No. 08-1641.

Applicants herewith elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-10, 19, 20 and 21, drawn to a process for identifying activators or inhibitors of a eukaryotic potassium channel, without traverse, for prosecution in this case.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional application.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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